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Honorable J. W. Fulbright  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Fulbright:

You will recall that in my presentation to the Foreign Relations Committee I mentioned the emphasis we were placing on a Language Development Program. In view of your interest, I have had prepared for you a brief analysis of the Program. Even though the effort is still in its early stages, I think significant progress has been made toward the development of a language competence in this Agency that will prove highly valuable to the United States Government.

In this connection I would also like to mention that we take what I believe to be justifiable pride in the overall training program of the Agency. For example, in the week beginning 8 January 1958 we had 29 classes in progress and started 70 new classes. These 99 classes included 46 non-duty hour courses in languages. While many of the classes were concerned with the techniques of our profession, there were also basic country surveys, integrated language-area studies, three standard courses for administrative personnel, and two designed to improve the executive ability of our supervisors. In order to accomplish as much as possible in the training field without interfering too much with our daily work, we have adopted such techniques as a nighttime movie program using a large number of foreign films to improve area knowledge and language ability, and language classes both before and after regular working hours.

I am grateful for your interest in the training program, and would be delighted if you could find the time to see our training establishment.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Director

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